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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1472

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGUI

AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL DURBAN

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SAFAIR REFUELING STOP IN RHODESIA

REF: A) PRETORIA 592 (B) STATE 042401

C) CAPE TOWN 224 (NOTAL)

1. RE PARA 2 REF B, WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO SAFAIR DIRECTOR ANTON LOMBARD THAT ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES NO LEGAL PROBLEM WITH L-100 TECHNICAL STOP RHODESIA, IT HOPES THAT BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS HE WOULD SELECT NON-RHODESIAN SITE FOR REFUELING. LOMBARD SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING LANDING RIGHTS EITHER LIVINGSTONE OR NDOLA.

2. HE ALSO SAID THAT SAFAIR IS NEGOTIATING CONTRACT TO FLY SOUTH AFRICAN FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND OTHER FOODSTUFFS FROM CAPE TOWN TO ZAMBIA ON REGULAR BASIS BUT NOTED THAT HE BELIEVED ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE RELUCTANT PERMIT FREQUENT SAFAIR LANDINGS AT LUSAKA BECAUSE THESE WOULD BE LIKELY TO DRAW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICAL FLAK. (EMBASSIES OF OAU STATES COULD EASILY SEE PLANES

AT LUSAKA AIRPORT.) HE QUERIED EMBOFFS RE POSSIBILITY OF OFF-LOADING CARGO AT VICTORIA FALLS FOR ONWARD RAIL TRANSPORT TO ZAMBIA, EXPLAINING THAT THIS WOULD SAVE ZAMBIANS EMBARRASSMENT CAUSED BY MORE OVERT TRADE WITH SA. WE DID NOT ENCOURAGE THIS AND AT OUR SUGGESTION HE AGREED DISCUSS WITH ZAMBIANS POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING LANDING RIGHTS FOR THESE FLIGHTS AT AIRPORT OTHER THAN LUSAKA IN ORDER KEEP SAFAIR VISIBILITY LOW, THEREBY OVERCOMING PRINCIPAL ZAMBIAN OBJECTION.

3. LOMBARD SAID THAT ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT HAD CLEARED SAFAIR FOR OVERFLIGHT OF ZAMBIA ON JOBURG-BANGUI RUN. ZAIRE OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS NOT YET OBTAINED BUT HE SAID THAT BEING WORKED ON FROM BANGUI END.
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